

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A vent stop for use with a sliding member comprising:

a housing adapted to be disposed in a recess, said housing including a cavity with a bottom plate therein, said bottom plate having a top surface forming at least a portion of an inside surface of said cavity and an edge, said edge being generally transverse to the top surface of the bottom plate; said edge extending from said top surface of the bottom plate to a bottom surface of said bottom plate, said edge forming at least one wall of an opening in said bottom plate;

a tumbler disposed in said cavity, said tumbler including a protruding apex at the top thereof;

a pivot means for pivotally securing said tumbler to said housing for movement between an extended position where a front face of said tumbler overlies an edge of the sliding member to prevent movement of the sliding member past the front face of the tumbler, and a retracted position within said cavity where the sliding member can be moved past the tumbler, said pivot means extending from at least one inside wall of said housing, said pivot means having an upper surface and a lower surface, and wherein said tumbler has a first pivot member and a second pivot member and wherein said first pivot member contacts said upper surface of said pivot means when said tumbler is in a ~~recessed~~ said extended position and [a] said second pivot member ~~which~~ contacts said lower surface of said pivot means when said tumbler is in ~~an extended~~ a retracted position;

a spring means for biasing said tumbler into said extended position;

and wherein said ~~first~~ second pivot member of said tumbler has a bottom plate contact surface that contacts said edge of the bottom plate without said pivot member contacting a rear wall of said housing when said tumbler is in [an] said extended position, thereby being prevented from further travel by the edge.

2. (Original) A vent stop according to claim 1 wherein the housing has a face plate and first and second housing members extending from said faceplate and wherein said bottom plate extends from at least one of said housing members.

3. (Original) A vent stop according to claim 2 wherein said first and second housing members are generally perpendicular to said faceplate and at least a portion of said bottom member is generally parallel to said face plate.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Original) The vent stop according to claim 1 wherein said sliding member is a sash in a double hung window.

6. (Original) The vent stop according to claim 1 wherein the sliding member is a sash in a window.

7. (Original) The vent stop according to claim 1 wherein the sliding member is a sash in a

sliding window.

8. (Original) The vent means according to claim 1 wherein said sliding member is a door.

9. (Previously presented) A vent stop according claim 1 wherein a force of said tumbler on said bottom plate is parallel to the top surface of said bottom plate when said tumbler is in an extended position.

10. (Currently amended) A vent stop for use with a sliding member comprising:

a housing adapted to be disposed in a recess, said housing including a cavity formed by a faceplate and first and second housing members extending from said faceplate;

a tumbler disposed in said cavity, said tumbler including a protruding apex at the top thereof;

a pivot means extending from at least one of said first and second housing members for pivotally securing said tumbler to said housing for movement between an extended position where a front face of said tumbler overlies an edge of the sliding member to prevent movement of the sliding member past the front face of the tumbler, and a retracted position within said cavity where the sliding member can be moved past the tumbler;

a spring means for biasing said tumbler into said extended position;

and wherein said tumbler has a front end and a rear end, said rear end having a first pivot member and a second pivot member extending therefrom and wherein said first

pivot member contacts said pivot means when said tumbler is in a ~~recessed~~ said extended position and [a] said second pivot member ~~that~~ contacts said pivot means ~~such that when~~ said tumbler is in an said extended position it is thereby being prevented from when said tumbler is in a retracted position and wherein said first pivot member prevents said tumbler from further travel by the contact of the first pivot member with said pivot means.

11. (Original) A vent stop according to claim 10 wherein the housing further comprises a bottom plate extending from at least one of said first and second housing members.

12. (Original) A vent stop according to claim 11 wherein said first and second housing members are generally perpendicular to said faceplate and at least a portion of a top surface of said bottom member is generally parallel to said face plate.

13. (Original) A vent stop according to claim 12 wherein said bottom plate has an edge generally perpendicular to the top surface of said bottom plate and wherein said tumbler has a second pivot member which contacts said edge of said bottom plate when said tumbler is in an extended position.

14. (Original) A vent stop according claim 13 wherein the force of said tumbler on said bottom plate is parallel to the top surface of said bottom plate when said tumbler is in an extended position.

15. (Original) The vent stop according to claim 10 wherein said sliding member is a sash in a double hung window.

16. (Original) The vent stop according to claim 10 wherein the sliding member is a sash in a window.

17. (Original) The vent stop according to claim 10 wherein the sliding member is a sash in a sliding window.

18. (Original) The vent means according to claim 10 wherein said sliding member is a door.

19. (Currently amended) A vent stop for use with a sliding member comprising:

a housing adapted to be disposed in a recess, said housing including a cavity with a bottom plate, said bottom plate having ~~atop~~ a top surface forming at least a portion of an inside surface of said cavity and an edge, said edge being generally transverse to the top surface of the bottom plate, said housing ~~has~~ also having a face ~~plate~~ plate and first and second housing members extending ~~from~~ from said faceplate, ~~and~~ wherein said bottom plate extends ~~form~~ from at least one of said housing members, and wherein said first and second housing members are generally perpendicular to said faceplate and at least a portion of said bottom member is generally parallel to said face plate and;

a tumbler disposed in said cavity having a front face and a rear face, said tumbler including a protruding apex at the top thereof; and

a pivot means for pivotally securing said tumbler to said housing for movement between an extended position where a front face of said tumbler overlies an edge of the sliding member to prevent movement of the sliding member past the front face of the tumbler, and a retracted position within said cavity where the sliding member can be moved past the tumbler;

a spring means for biasing said tumbler into said extended position; and

wherein said tumbler has a first pivot member and a second pivot member extending from said rear face of said tumbler, and wherein said first pivot member that contacts said pivot means when said tumbler is in a ~~recessed~~ an extended position and said ~~first~~ second pivot member ~~having~~ has a bottom plate contact surface that contacts said edge of the bottom plate when said tumbler is in an extended position, said edge extending from a top surface of said bottom plate to the bottom surface of said bottom plate, said edge forming at least one wall of an opening in said bottom plate, said tumbler thereby being prevented from further travel by the edge ~~wherein said tumbler has a second pivot member which contacts said pivot means when said tumbler is in an extended position.~~

20. (Original) The vent stop according to claim 19 wherein said sliding member is a sash in a double hung window.

21. (Original) The vent stop according to claim 19 wherein the sliding member is a sash in a window.

22. (Currently amended) The vent stop according to claim 19 wherein the sliding member is a sash in a sliding window.

23. (Currently amended) The vent means according to claim 19 wherein said sliding member is a door.

24. (Original) A vent stop according claim 19 wherein a force of said tumbler on said bottom plate when said tumbler is in an extended position.

25. (Currently amended) A vent stop according to claim 19 wherein a pin [in] is extending from said housing, and said pin fits in a cavity between the first pivot member and the second pivot member and wherein said tumbler pivots around said pin.

26. (Currently amended) The vent stop according to claim 25 wherein said pin has a top ~~surface~~ surface and a bottom surface and wherein said first pivot member contacts said ~~bottom~~ top surface of said pin when said tumbler is in a ~~recessed~~ said extended position and said second pivot member contacts ~~top~~ said bottom surface of said pin when said tumbler is in an ~~extended~~ said retracted position.